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## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Executive Registry

12 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Secret Service letter dated 4 March 1968, requesting membership on the USIB/TSCC

Attached for your signature is a suggested reply to subject letter. The White House Security Program is presently represented on the TSCC by:

Mr. Charles Sither, White House Staff - Observer Mr. William McMahon, Secret Service - Alternate

Mr. McMahon also attends meetings of the two TSCC Subcommittees as an observer, with another member of the Secret Service as his alternate. Both Sither and McMahon are professional security types.

If the White House Security Program is represented on the TSCC by both the Secret Service and the White House, such double representation will encourage DIA and the military (as well as CIA!) to reopen the question of having both their members and alternates attend all meetings. An enlargement of attendance is highly undesirable since it already stands at 14.

Mr. Rowley's letter to you was discussed with Sither by Mr. Thomas J. Kelley, Assistant Director of the Secret Service. Sither told him that whatever happened he wanted to continue as observer, adding that if the Secret Service wished additional representation - that was their fight. Sither said that Rowley's letter had been written by McMahon (a relative newcomer to the Secret Service) to enhance his position, and reflected some minor internecine warfare. The gist of your proposed reply to Rowley's letter was informally discussed with Sither who said that he thought the problem could easily be settled by discussions between the Secret Service and the White House Staff.

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## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

18 MAR 1968

Executive Registry
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Mr. James J. Rowley Director United States Secret Service Washington, D.C. 20226

Dear Jim:

I was interested in hearing that the United States Intelligence Board's Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC) and its two subcommittees have been of benefit to the Technical Security Program of the White House. In turn, I am told that the TSCC has profited from the continued participation of White House observers at all of its meetings as well as those of its subcommittees.

The contribution to the Community's countermeasures program being made by the TSCC is due in no small measure to its insistence on remaining a small and nimble group. In order that it not become large and unwieldy, attendance at meetings of the TSCC has been limited to members or alternates, but not both, even though the CIA and military members have repeatedly suggested that meetings be attended by both their members and alternates, each representing a different functional element in their organization.

Along these lines, rather than have the White House Security Program represented by two attendees as suggested in your letter, it would be most helpful if attendance could be limited to a single observer, with an alternate available in his absence. I would suggest that the observer and alternate be mutually selected by your organization and the White House staff. The TSCC will welcome whoever is selected for these assignments.

Sincerely,

Vs7 Richard Helms

Richard Helms Chairman

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